

Minutes
Delaware Council of Faith-Based Partnerships Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 2015
1-2 pm
Delaware Health and Social Services (DDDS Office at Fox Run)
2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Suite 200
Bear, Delaware 19701

Attendees: Doug Gerdtz, Jen Hill, Kenny Foster, Paul Mathur, Jeanne Cashman, Flora McConkie.

Doug called meeting to order at approx. 1:30 pm.

Paul Mathur introduced as new member of Council. Paul serves on the Board of Trustees of the Hindu Temple of Delaware. He is a chemical engineer (research and development technology manager) with Chemours, and lives in Hockessin.

Discussion regarding by-laws. No meetings should be held without a full quorum. Each State board/commission determines their required quorum. Suggestion that all meeting announcements include RSVP. If, at the last minute, a Council member cannot attend, secretary should be alerted, so meeting can be cancelled if necessary. No quorum = no meeting. Our quorum is half of Council members plus one. Consider reviewing and updating absence policy, number of meetings, schedule for meetings, quorum requirements.

October minutes approved.

Lunch and Learn: Number of attendees at today's event was disappointing (8 attendees; 6 Council members and 4 presenters.) State Senator Bruce Ennis attended. Presentations provided expanded view of I-ADAPT. Need for faith representatives to attend monthly meetings held in four areas of the state. Concern that attendance is limited to one faith representative. Kenny to attend Kent County meetings. Other Council members encouraged to attend in their areas. Doug may be able to attend Wilmington meetings. Concerns regarding future funding and need to codify I-ADAPT.

Upcoming meeting with Governor Markell, December 10th. Review recent accomplishments; Flora to update Council Overview. Consider discussing future of I-ADAPT. Invite Governor to participate in Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of **2016 events** postponed until next meeting.

Intern: Doug to follow-up with Raina regarding.

New Member Recruitment: Flora to follow-up with possibilities from Sikh community and Islamic community (to replace Usman). Raina also resigning. Kenny to follow-up on Hispanic/Methodist possibility.

Finances: Flora to be reimbursed for October and November Lunch and Learn expenses and ink/paper (retroactively). Doug to be reimbursed for March Lunch and Learn.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 2:25 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2015, 11 am, with Governor Markell, in Wilmington, followed by Council meeting at noon.

Submitted by Flora McConkie, Secretary, December 9, 2015.